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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

QIANG ZHOU,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 04-72753

Agency No. A78-451-251

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted March 8, 2006**

Before: CANBY, BEEZER, and KOZINSKI, Circuit Judges.

Qiang Zhou, a native and citizen of the People's Republic of China, petitions *pro se* for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' summary affirmance without opinion of an Immigration Judge's ("IJ") denial of his applications for asylum and withholding of removal. Petitioner contends that he

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** This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

was persecuted because of his Christian beliefs. We dismiss in part and deny in part the petition.

_____ We lack jurisdiction to review the IJ's determination that petitioner's asylum application was untimely. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1158(a)(3); *see also Ramadan v. Gonzales*, 427 F.3d 1218, 1223 (9th Cir. 2005). Therefore, we dismiss the petition as to the asylum claim.

_____ We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252 over the withholding of removal claim, and deny the petition. *See Gu v. Gonzales*, 429 F.3d 1209, 1212 (9th Cir. 2005).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DISMISSED in part and DENIED in part.